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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Martin Hermann Klemens BRUNE et al. : **Group Art Unit 1652**
Serial No. 09/937,296 : Examiner D. Steadman
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 24, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel without prejudice claims 22 and 23.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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20. (Amended) A process for detecting the presence of a nucleoside diphosphate in a sample, comprising a step of detecting the dephosphorylation of the phosphoenzyme form of a nucleoside diphosphate kinase (NDPK), wherein the NDPK is modified to carry a label in both its phosphorylated and unphosphorylated forms, which label gives a different detectable signal when the enzyme is phosphorylated from when it is unphosphorylated.
21. (Amended) A process for detecting the presence of a nucleoside triphosphate in a sample, comprising a step of detecting the phosphorylation of a nucleoside diphosphate kinase (NDPK) to the phosphoenzyme form, wherein the NDPK is modified to carry a label in both its